

A Voice in the Wilderness

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."
Matthew 3:1-2 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV).



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| PATHS | BELT | LORD | KINGDOM | PROPHET |
| JOHN | DESERT | BAPTIST | HONEY | LEATHER |
| CAMEL | HEAVEN | PREACHING | HAIR | WILD |

Today's Sermon.....
 Next Week's Sermon
 Wednesday Night
 Wednesday Ladies' Class...
 Sun. Adult Bible Class.....
 Sun. Night.....
 Service Times - Sunday:
 Where Do We Go When We Die
 Faithful Unto Death
 Ben
 Cathleen: New Testament
 Ben
 Devotion: Song, Prayer
 Bible Class.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship.....11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Coldwater Church of Christ

Welcome to our services. April 28, 2018

*Next Potluck - May 20th.

We praise God that Dan Barringer was baptized into Christ last week. Please welcome Dan to our church family and pray for his walk with God.

Barb Langley is now in rehab for her foot. She has an appointment for an evaluation on May 12th. Cards of encouragement are appreciated.

Marilyn Fitts is now in a nursing home in Marshall. She would love cards from us. Her address is: Marilyn Fitts, % Marshall Nursing & Rehab, 575 N. Madison St., Room 210, Marshall, MI 49068. It's also on the bulletin board.

Several of you asked for our Ladies' Day speaker's address in order to send her thank-you cards. It's on the bulletin board.

Dean Pope, George Pope's son, is doing much better. Please continue to pray.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Joyce Fosdick, Shirley Ware's sister. Prayers for Shirley and the family are appreciated.

Randy Johnson had a knee replacement this past week and is also having heart issues. He's seeing a heart doctor on Monday. Prayers please.

5 of us were able to attend the Camp Indogan Spring Dinner last night and had a good time. The money raised will go toward building a caretaker's home.

The Dolson's have travelled to Hawaii. Prayers for safe travels please.

Karen is currently attending a Women's Conference in TN. Please pray for safe travels home.

The May potluck will be our Mother's Day potluck. The men will cook, serve and clean up. Thanks guys.

Prayers would be appreciated for the Steuben County Church of Christ as they look for a new minister.

Upcoming Events: Mark your calendar

May 20th – Mother's Day Potluck – men cook, serve, clean-up

*****Prayer List*****

Dean – George Pope's son - better
Randy Johnson – knee replacement and heart issues
Cathleen
Barb Langley – loss of part of her foot – in rehab
Marvin Keifer
Edna Stein –pain
Wendi Baker
Shirley Ware – sister's passing

TV BIBLE STUDIES:

Getting to Know Your Bible – on Charter
In Search of the Lord's Way – Charter-7:30 am-
Sunday-channel 357

Website: coldwatercoc.com

e-mail: coldwatercochristoffice@gmail.com

Steps of Salvation:

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| Hear: Romans 10:14, 17 | Believe: Acts 16:31 |
| Repent: Acts 2:38 | Confess: Acts 8:36-37 |
| Baptism: Acts 2:38 | Faithful: Matthew 7:21 |

Our Elders: Dave Sherfield 517-677-2789
Pete Baker 677-7764 Huey Waites 639- 8390

The Commencement Address

Barbara Bush, former First Lady during the presidency of her husband, George H.W. Bush, passed away Tuesday, April 17th, at the age of 92. One of the prominent memories that has been shared over the last few days is Bush's commencement speech to the 1990 graduating class of Wellesley College, a private women's liberal arts college in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

"I believe it was the first, last and only time all three networks interrupted regular programming to cover a first lady's speech live," Edward McNally, a speechwriter in the Bush White House, recalled Tuesday, hours after Bush's passing. "It was an unusual national moment, to say the least."

One thing that made it unusual was that first lady Bush was accompanied by Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev's wife, Raisa, who also spoke at the commencement. As Bush addressed the graduating class, she said, "I hope that will consider making three very special choices."

"The first is to believe in something larger than yourself ... to get involved in some of the big ideas of our time." Bush spoke of how she had chosen to promote literacy because "if more people could read, write and comprehend, we would be that much closer to solving so many of the problems that plague our nation and our society."

Bush encouraged the graduates to make a second choice in their lives: "Find the joy in life." Bush shared one reason that she chose to marry a young Navy Pilot, George H.W. Bush, "he made me laugh."

"The third choice that must not be missed," Bush continued, "is to cherish your human connections: your relationships with family and friends." Bush pressed the point adding, "As important as your obligations as a doctor, lawyer or business leader will be, you are a human being first and those human connections — with spouses, with children, with friends — are the most important investments you will ever make. At the end of your life, you will never regret not having passed one more test, not winning one more verdict or not closing one more deal. You will regret time not spent with a husband, a child, a friend or a parent."

To these three great points, I would like to respectfully add one more: At the end of your life, the most important connection will be the one with your Heavenly Father. Our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), but God loves us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to die on the cross to redeem us from sin (John 3:16; Ephesians 1:7). Through Jesus, we can be reconciled to the Father (2 Corinthians 5:17-21), receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23), and look forward to spending an eternity in heaven (John 14:1-3).

The most important "connection" that we need to have is with the Heavenly Father through His Son, Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).